BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LIBRARY

URBAN DISTRICT

OF

KIRKBY LONSDALE

HEALTH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1923.

Urban District of Kirkby Lonsdale.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Kirkby Lonsdale .

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your information my Annual Report on the Health of your district for the year 1923.

It again takes the form of an ordinary report as defined in para 3, of Circular 269, of the 28th Dec: 1921, and conatins but a brief outline of the more important phases of the work, prepared on the lines laid down by the Ministry of Health.

My thanks are due to the Medical Profession for their valuable assistance in furthering the interests of Public Health. Statutory notifications are with few exceptions regularly complied with.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

W. Baron Cockill.

Medical Officer of Health
Westmorland Combined
District.

21st March 1924.

1. General Statistics.

Area (acres),	3,254
Population. (1923)	1,341
Number of inhabited houses. (census 1921)	329
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census 1921)	329
Rateable Value.	£10,465. 10. 0.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£33. - -

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Births (legitimate)	14	9	24	Birth Rate 18
" (illegitimate	1	-		
Deaths 20				Death Rate.15.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth: From sepsis Nil
Other causes. Nil

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1.000 births:-

Legitimate, 87 Illegitimate. Nil Total 83

Deaths from Measles. (all ages) Nil

" " Whooping-cough (all ages) Nil

" " Diarrhoea (under year) Nil

There has been no excessive or unusual mortality during the year.

3 Notifiable Diseases.

Disease	Total	under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 & over	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	2				1				1					2	
Pneumonia	1										1				
Diphtheria	1								1					1	
Enteric Fever	1										1			1	

Overcrowding ~~that~~ had no measurable effect upon the incidence of notified disease.

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 – 5.			2.	1.			2.	1.
20 – 25.	1.							
25 – 35.	1.							
Totals.	2.		2.	1.			2.	1.

One of these cases was a visitor to the District.

Occupational conditions have had no influence on the incidence of the disease.

There were no cases of deaths from Tuberculosis, where the disease had not previously been notified.

The notification of known cases of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out.

The case of Enteric Fever was proved bacteriologically but no local conditions which might have produced the disease were discovered.

Ophthalmia Neonatorium. Nil.

4. Causes of Sickness.

There have been no specially noteworthy causes of sickness of invalidity in the district, other than epidemic of Measles, in the early part of the year.

5. Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospital and other Institutions available for the District.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a) General.	District Nursing Association.
(b) Infectious Diseases e.g. Measles etc.	" " "

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

Midwives.

No subsidy is paid by the Public Health Authority to the one practising midwife.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kendal.

Travelling School Dental Clinic.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Library

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

Hospitals.	Situation.	Accommodation.
Tuberculosis.	Meathop-Grange-over-Sands.	150 beds.
Maternity & Child Welfare.	Nil.	
Fever.	The Sanatorium.Kendal.	46 beds.
Small-pox.	Nil.	
Ethel Hedley Hospital School. (Orthopaedic)	Galgarth - Windermere.	30 beds
Venereal Disease.	North Lonsdale Hospital Barrow-in-Furness.	-

The Westmorland County Hospital contains 50 beds, available for all non-infectious, medical, surgical and abnormal midwifery, cases. A new Maternity Ward is in course of erection. It is supported by voluntary contributions. Cases are also admitted to Lancaster Infirmary.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers etc.

St Monica's Maternity Home, under control of Carlisle Diocesan Maternity Committee.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a)	Infectious cases.	Removed by Kendal Ambulance
(b)	Non-infectious cases.	" " " "

6. Laboratory Work.

The Combined Districts of Westmorland have provided laboratories at Kendal, to which any practitioner may send specimens for examination.

Sputum is also examined at Meathop Sanatorium. The following have been done for Kirkby Lonsdale:-

Diphtheria.	10
Enteric Fever.	3
Total.	13

Diphtheria antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act; also for both necessitous and insured patients for prophylactic purposes.

7. Sanitary Administration.

	Adopted.
List of Adoptive Acts, etc.	
Part 111., Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890	1891
Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890.	1891.
Byelaws.	
Private Scavenging.	1874
Prevention of Nuisances.	1874
Common Lodging Houses.	1874
Slaughter-houses.	1874
Markets and Fairs.	1874
New Streets and Buildings.	1914.
Regulations under Sec: 13, Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops Order (1885)	1907

Tabular Summary of the Work of Sanitary Department etc.

Lack of Cleanliness.	4
Defective drains.	4
Defective Ashpits.	2
Total.	10.

No formal notices and 10 informal notices were served.

Closet Accommodation-	
Water closets	348
Privies.	81
	429

There were no conversions during the year.

Regular inspection of slaughter-houses, dairies and cowsheds, butchers-shops, and bakehouses has been made and the sanitary condition of all premises where food is prepared, stored or exposed for sale, is good.

There are 4 private slaughter-houses, which have been maintained efficiently.

Disinfection is carried out after all infectious cases.

No facilities exist for disinfestation.

A pamphlet on small-pox was supplied to all Medical Practitioners.

8. Staff

Name.	Qualification.	Office.	Whole or Part Time.	Other Offices.	Salary contributed under P.H.A. or Exchequer Grants.
W.B.Cockill.	M.D.etc D.P.H.	M.O.H.	Part	M.O.H. Combined Districts of Westmorland.	Yes
J.Kassell.	M.S.A. A.R.San.I.	Sanitary Inspector.	Part.	Surveyor.	Yes.

9. Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year

(a) Total. Nil

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts. Nil

1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection- (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 5

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded the Housing (inspection of District) Regulations 1910. 5

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 5

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 5

3. Action under Statutory Powers. Nil

A